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key words

■ **Neurolinker** = A portable internet terminal that connects with the brain via a wireless quantum connection and enhances all five senses with images, sounds, and other stimuli.

■ **Brain Burst** = Neurolinker application sent to Haruyuki by Kuroyukihime.

■ **Duel avatar** = Player's virtual self, operated when fighting in Brain Burst.

■ **Burst points** = Points required to use the power of acceleration. To obtain them, players must win in duels against other duel avatars. A player losing all their points forces Brain Burst to uninstall.

■ **Legion** = Groups composed of many duel avatars with the objective of expanding occupied areas and securing rights. The Six Kings of Pure Color act as the Legion Masters.

■ **In-school local net** = Local area network established within Umesato Junior High School. Used during classes and to check attendance; while on campus, Umesato students are required to be connected to it at all times.

■ **Global connection** = Connection with the worldwide net. Global connections are forbidden on Umesato Junior High School grounds, where the in-school local net is provided instead.

■ **Enhanced Armament** = Items such as weapons or personal armor owned by duel avatars.

■ **Normal Duel Field** = The field where normal Brain Burst battles (one-on-one or tag matches) are carried out.

■ **Unlimited Neutral Field** = Field for high-level players where only duel avatars at Level Four and up are allowed. The game system is of a wholly different order than that of the Normal Duel Field.



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characters

■ **Kuroyukihime** = Umesato Junior High School student council vice president. Trim and clever girl who has it all. Her background is shrouded in mystery. Her in-school avatar is a spangled butterfly she programmed herself. Her duel avatar is the Black King, Black Lotus.

■ **Haruyuki** = Haruyuki Arita. He's good at games but is shy. His in-school avatar is a pink pig. His duel avatar is Silver Crow.

■ **Chiyuri** = Chiyuri Kurashima. Haruyuki's childhood friend. A meddling, energetic girl. Her duel avatar is Lime Bell.

■ **Takumu** = Takumu Mayuzumi. A boy Haruyuki and Chiyuri have known since childhood. Good at kendo. His duel avatar is Cyan Pile.

■ **Nika** = Yunika Kazuki. Grade Five girl who pretended to be Haruyuki's cousin to get in direct contact with him. Her real identity is the Red King, ruler of the Red Legion. Her duel avatar is Scarlet Rain.

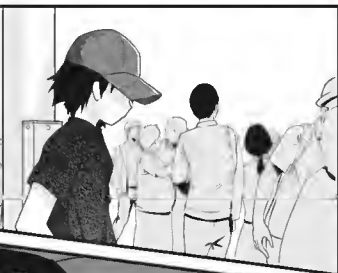
■ **Fuko** = Fuko Kurasaki. Taught Haruyuki the deep mysteries of the Incarnate System when he was in trouble. A war comrade of Kuroyukihime's in the old Nega Nebulus.



JUNE 4, 2047
SENSOJI TEMPLE



SIGN: KINRYUZAN, KAMINARIMON



BASHIN
(CRTRACK)

**UNLIMITED
BURST.**



OOO
(CRUMBLE)

TOPGUN
(PUNK)

TURU
CHANNING



BLACK
VISE...

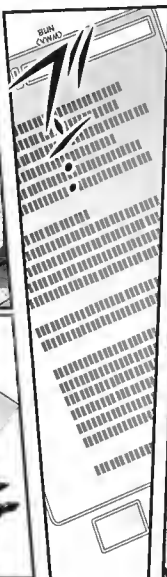
THANKS FOR
COMING.

RIGHT
ON TIME,
RUST
JIGSAW-
KUN.



...
EXPLAIN.

I DON'T
UNDER-
STAND
WHY YOU
PICKED
ME.

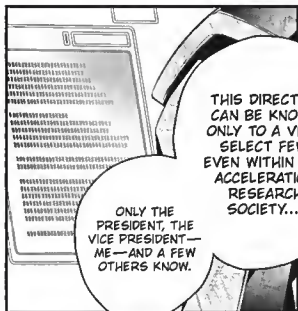


BUN
COWAD



PI
(BEEP)





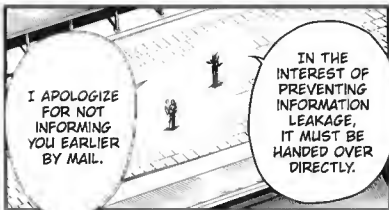
ONLY THE
PRESIDENT, THE
VICE PRESIDENT—
ME—AND A FEW
OTHERS KNOW.

THIS DIRECTIVE
CAN BE KNOWN
ONLY TO A VERY
SELECT FEW,
EVEN WITHIN THE
ACCELERATION
RESEARCH
SOCIETY....





...
ANSWER.



I APOLOGIZE
FOR NOT
INFORMING
YOU EARLIER
BY MAIL.

IN THE
INTEREST OF
PREVENTING
INFORMATION
LEAKAGE,
IT MUST BE
HANDLED OVER
DIRECTLY.




...WOULD THAT
BE AN ACCURATE
INTERPRETATION?



THIS
IS...

...A
FUNDAMENTAL
CHANGE
TO FUTURE
POLICY.



CONSIDERING
YOUR ABILITIES,
I JUDGED YOU
TO BE MOST
SUITABLE, BUT...

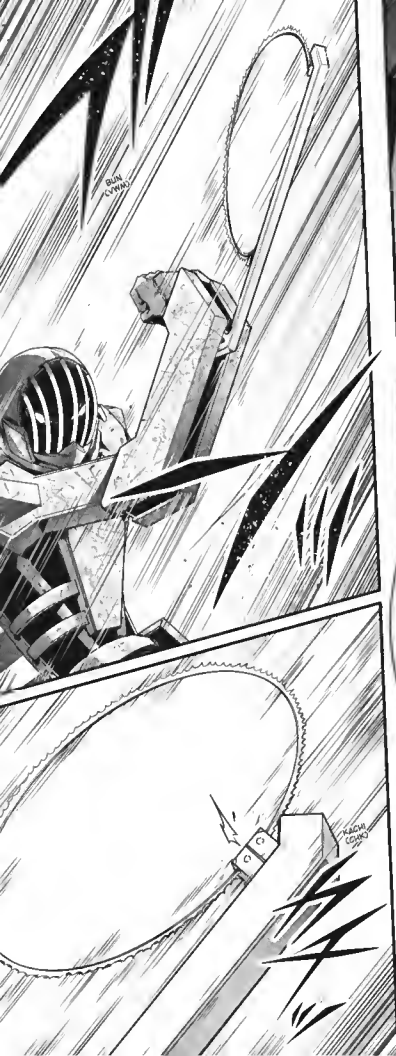
WELL, IF
YOU'D REALLY
LIKE ME TO FIND
SOMEONE ELSE,
THEN I SUPPOSE
THAT'S THAT.



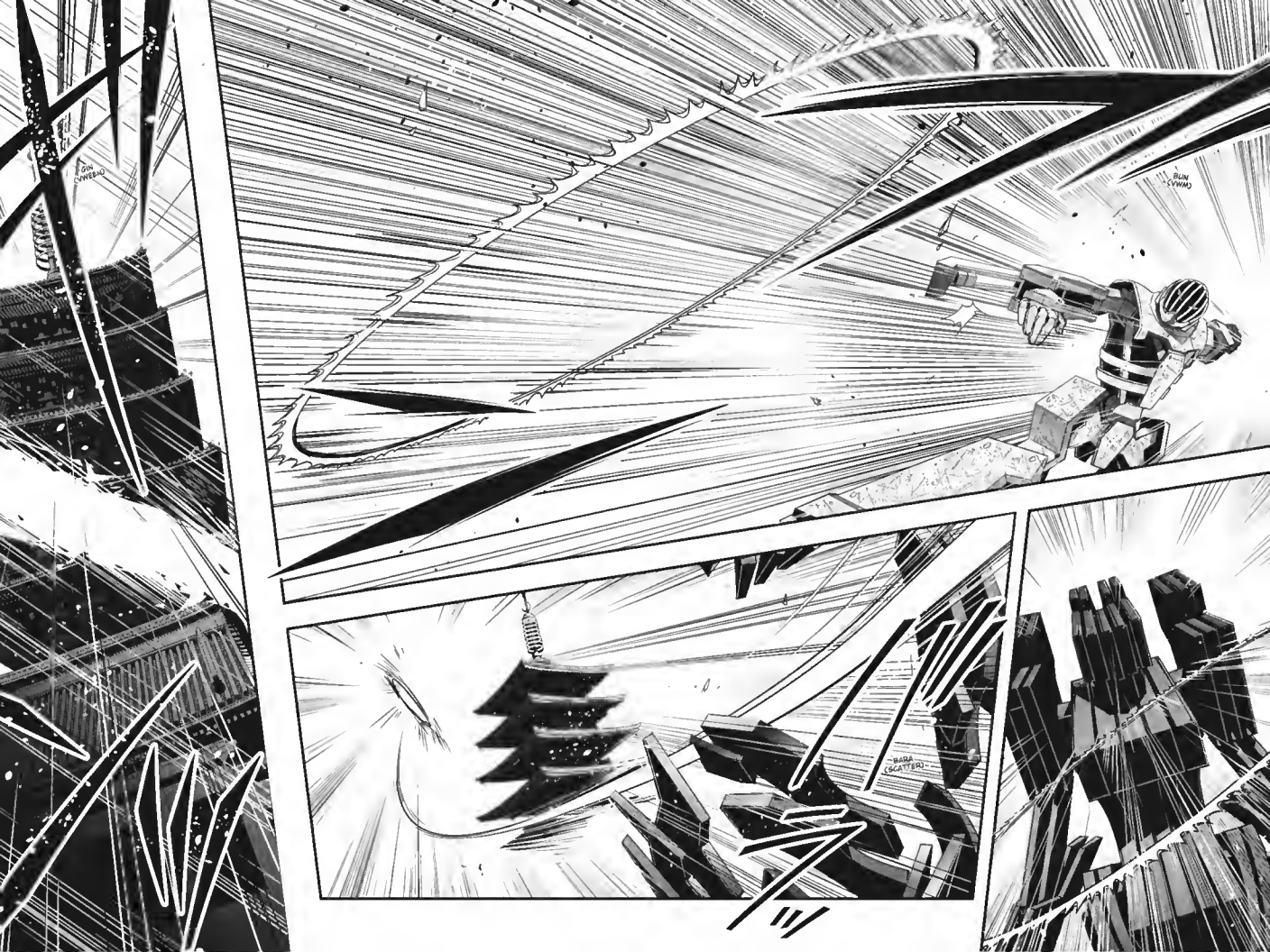
...WORRY
NOT.

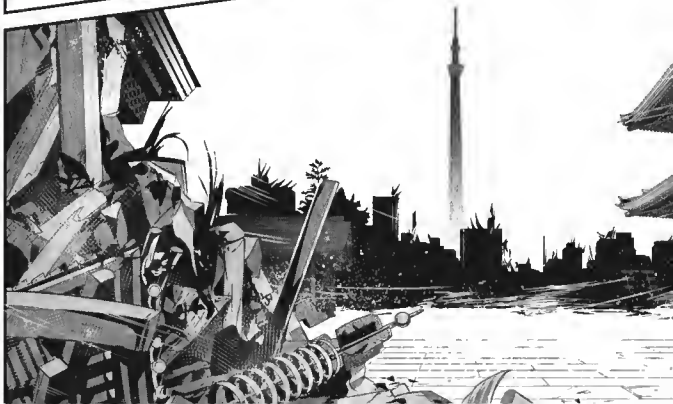
YOU WILL HAVE
NO REASON TO
QUESTION THAT
JUDGMENT...!!





...IF THEY WERE
TAKING PART
IN THE EVENT
AS WELL...?





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CHAPTER
#28



HEY,
HEEEY!!

BUON
CYRHO

000
COLUMBIA 17

JUNE 8, 2047

NEGA NEBULUS TERRITORY DEFENSE BATTLE
(VS. GREAT WALL)

...WILL
NEVER STOP
A MASTER
LIKE ME!!

BUON

BUON
CYRHO

A CHEAP
WALL LIKE
THIS...

GARA
CYLATTERO

!!

WITH ALL THE
DEBRIS FROM THE
BUILDINGS HERE,
HE SHOULD HAVE
NOWHERE TO GO ON
THAT MOTORCYCLE!!

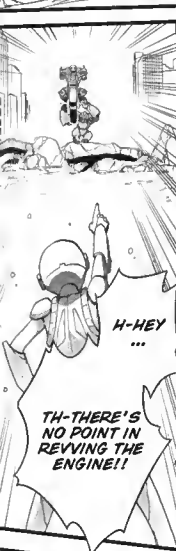
WHERE
ARE YOU
RIDING!?

NGH!



GA
CSLAMO

GIGA!!



H-HEY
...

TH-THERE'S
NO POINT IN
REVVING THE
ENGINE!!



B
U
R
N
I
N
G
!!

BUOON

GYU
CHIRO

GYU

GYU

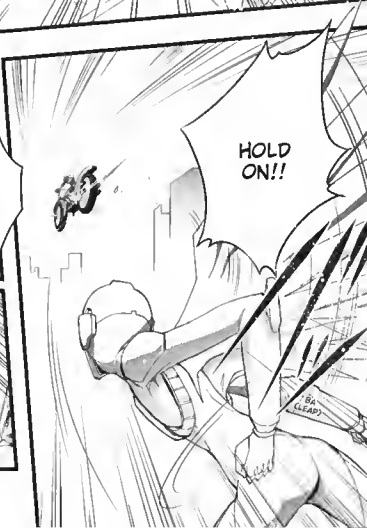
GYU



YEAH!
DO IT,
UTAN!!

MY
BROTHER
ASH! GO ON
WITHOUT
MEEEEEE!!

Bush Utan





THE FINAL
BARRICADE!



CRAP!
UP AHEAD
IS—!



RAKER-
SAN!!



OUR TEAM'S
BASE!!

IF THEY GET
THAT FLAG,
WE LOSE!!



BUOOO
(VERRR)

MASTERRRRRRR!!

TODAY!
FOR SURE!!

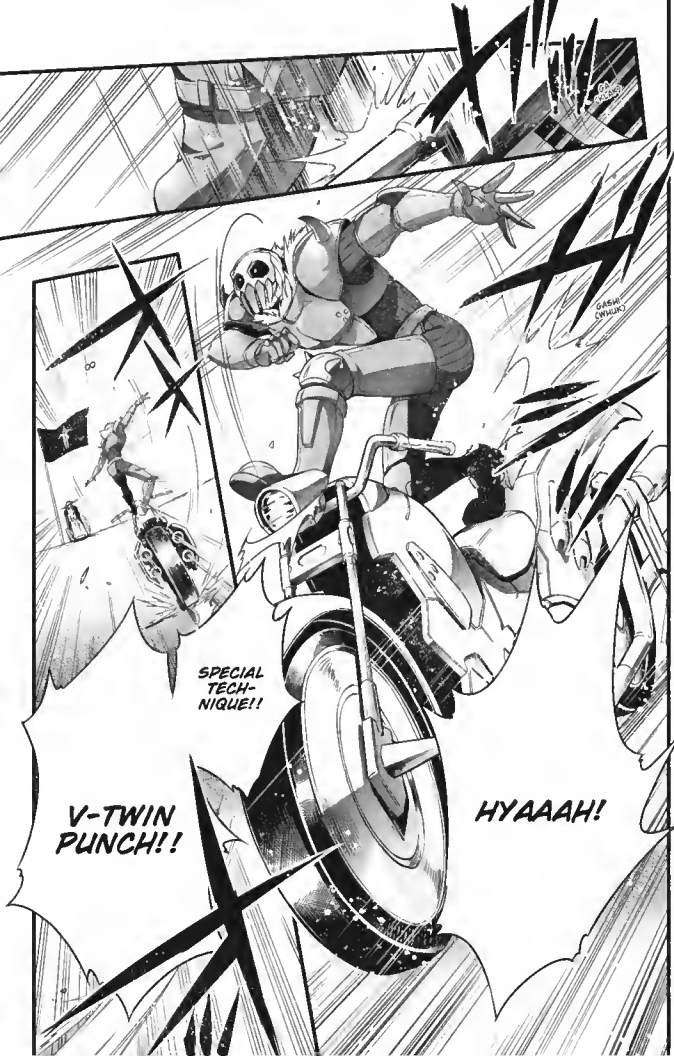


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し
＞
KUI
(FANTO)

...ASH.
YOU STILL
HAVE SO
MUCH TO
LEARN...



I'M GONNA
SURPASS
YOU,
MASTER!!



**SPECIAL
TECH-
NIQUE!!**

**V-TWIN
PUNCH!!**

HYAAAH!



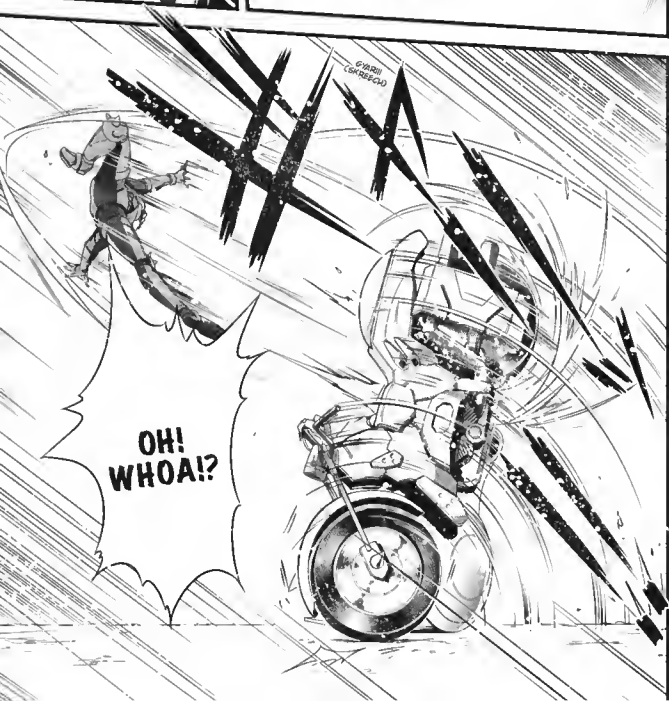
**YOU WON'T
BE ABLE TO
GET AWAY!!**

**IMPOSSI-
BLE!**

**RAKER-
SAN!!**

MASTER!!

**THANKS
FOR EVERY-
THIIING!!**





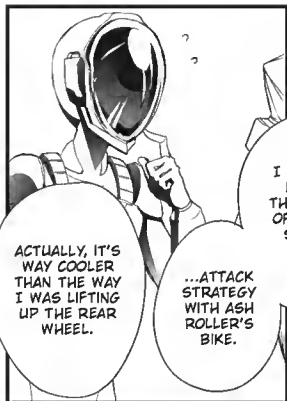
DOGAA
(WHAM)

SO VERY
MUCH TO
LEARN...



GREAT
JOOOOOB!!

ANOTHER
SUCCESSFUL
DEFENSE
THIS WEEK!!



ACTUALLY, IT'S WAY COOLER THAN THE WAY I WAS LIFTING UP THE REAR WHEEL.

...ATTACK STRATEGY WITH ASH ROLLER'S BIKE.

I NEVER EVEN THOUGHT OF THAT SORT OF...



THAT WAS AMAZING!!

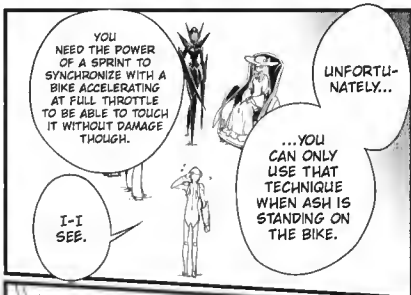
THAT'S SO LIKE YOU, RAKER-NEESAN.



ALL RIGHT.

THAT'S ENOUGH ABOUT THE TERRITORIES TODAY.

LET'S TALK ABOUT TOMORROW.



YOU NEED THE POWER OF A SPRINT TO SYNCHRONIZE WITH A BIKE ACCELERATING AT FULL THROTTLE TO BE ABLE TO TOUCH IT WITHOUT DAMAGE THOUGH.

I-I SEE.

UNFORTUNATELY...

...YOU CAN ONLY USE THAT TECHNIQUE WHEN ASH IS STANDING ON THE BIKE.



OKAY!!

IT'S WORTH LOOKING INTO.

...YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO DO IT TOO IF YOU'RE FLYING AT FULL SPEED.

BUT STILL ...



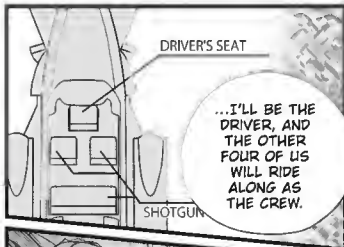
R-
RIGHT!!

...BUT I'D
LIKE YOU TO
EXPLAIN IT
ONCE MORE
FOR US,
HARUYUKI-
KUN.



SO,
TOMOR-
ROW'S
EVENT
...

YOU'VE ALL
ALREADY
GOTTEN THE
OVERVIEW
VIA MAIL...



DRIVER'S SEAT

SHOTGUN

...I'LL BE THE
DRIVER, AND
THE OTHER
FOUR OF US
WILL RIDE
ALONG AS
THE CREW.

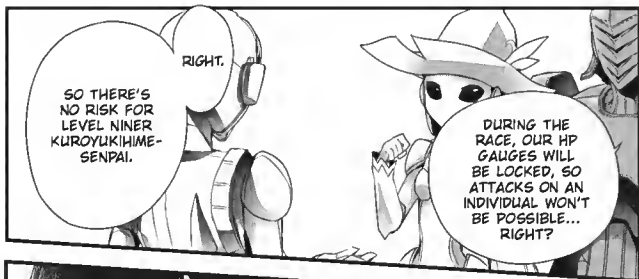


WE'LL FIGHT BY
DEFENDING OUR
OWN SHUTTLE OR
ATTACKING OUR
RIVALS' SHUTTLES.



THE
HERMES
CORD
RACE.

TEN TEAMS
COMPETE IN
SHUTTLES THAT
CARRY FIVE
PEOPLE EACH.
SO...



RIGHT.

SO THERE'S
NO RISK FOR
LEVEL NINER
KUROYUKIHIME-
SENPAI.

DURING THE
RACE, OUR HP
GAUGES WILL
BE LOCKED, SO
ATTACKS ON AN
INDIVIDUAL WON'T
BE POSSIBLE...
RIGHT?



**SO I HAVE
MAJOR
REGRETS!!**

...I WAS
IN HIDING—
COMPLETELY
DISCONNECTED
FROM THE
GLOBAL NET.

...AT
THE GRAND
CASTLE
ATTACK RACE
THE YEAR
BEFORE
LAST...



N-no, that's—
You were the
one who guessed
when and where
the portal would
appear.

WE MUST
ALL THANK
HIM.

HARUYUKI-KUN
REALIZED A NEW
STAGE WOULD
APPEAR AND
OBTAINED THE
RIGHT FOR US
TO PARTICIPATE.

I WANT TO
COMPLETELY
WIPE AWAY
THOSE
REGRETS IN
TOMORROW'S
RACE.



...BUT I...WILL
HAVE TO PASS
ON THE RACE.

...I DO
APOLOGIZE...

LOTUS...



FROM WHAT
WE'VE HEARD
ABOUT THE
SHUTTLE...

...I'LL BE
WITHOUT MY
WHEELCHAIR
AND SIMPLY
GLUED TO
MY SEAT.

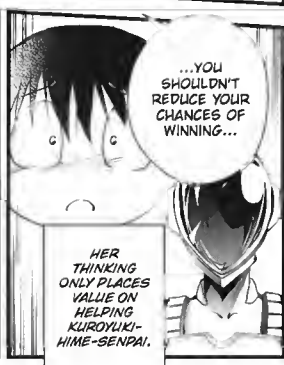


IF I'M JUST
GOING TO BE
DEADWEIGHT,
SLOWING THE
SHUTTLE
DOWN...



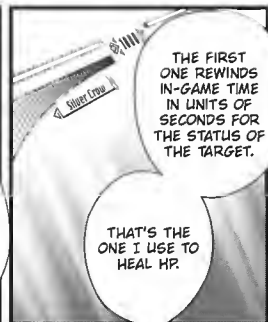
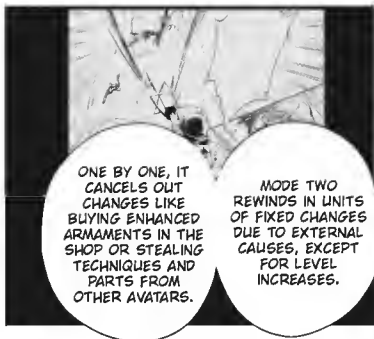
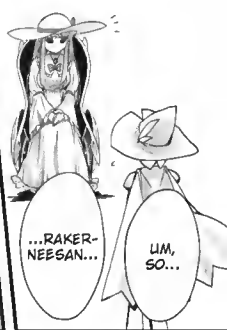
...WHY...

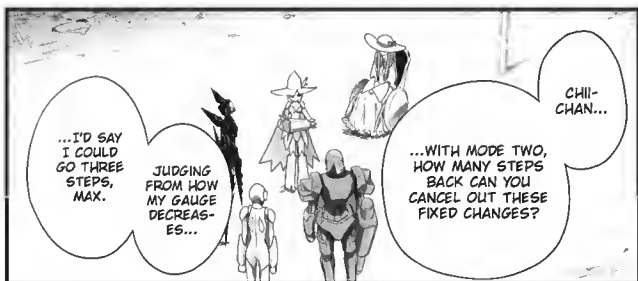
...
RAKER ?





...TO SEE
WHETHER OR
NOT I CAN
BRING YOUR
LEGS BACK.







YEAH.
I GOT IT,
RAKER-
NEESAN.

333
KOKU
CHOO

BUT...EVEN IF
IT DOESN'T
WORK, YOU
MUSTN'T BLAME
YOURSELF.



I REALLY
APPRECIATE
THIS.



BELL...

...THANK
YOU.



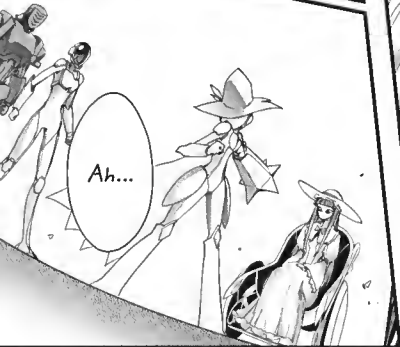
PAAAA
COWARD

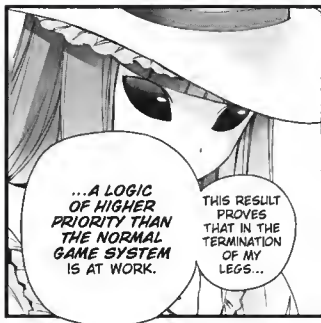


OKAY,
HERE
WE
GO!!

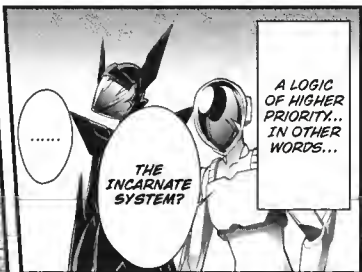
...CALL!!

CITRON...





THIS RESULT PROVES THAT IN THE TERMINATION OF MY LEGS...





WHICH IS
WHY IT'S
NOT YOUR
FAULT...

...YOU
COULDN'T
BRING
THEM
BACK...
AND...

...IT'S NOT
YOUR FAULT
EITHER,
LOTUS.

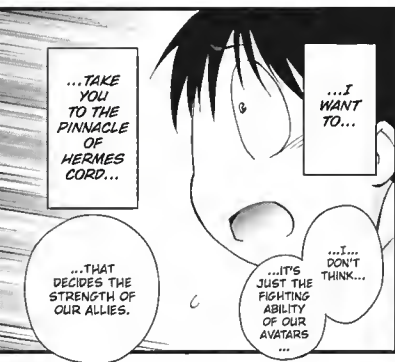


.....



WHAT KEEPS
MY LEGS
AWAY...

...IS
MY OWN
WILL...



...TAKE
YOU
TO THE
PINNACLE
OF
HERMES
CORD...

...I
WANT
TO...

...THAT
DECIDES THE
STRENGTH OF
OUR ALLIES.

...IT'S
JUST THE
FIGHTING
ABILITY
OF OUR
AVATARS
...

...I...
DON'T
THINK...



RAKER-
SAN...

THE
WILL
TO
REACH
THE
SKY...

IF
THAT'S
IT, THEN
NOW,
MORE
THAN
EVER...



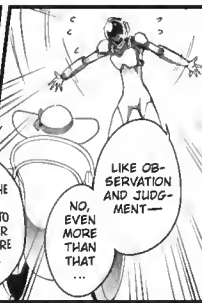
RAKER-SAN, YOU'RE AN INDISPENSABLE, PRICELESS PART OF THE LEGION'S BATTLE POTENTIAL.

IT'S JUST LIKE HARU SAYS.



...IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN ANYTHING!!

...I THINK THE FEELING OF BEING ABLE TO FIGHT HARDER BECAUSE WE'RE TOGETHER...



NO, EVEN MORE THAN THAT ...



I NEED YOU.

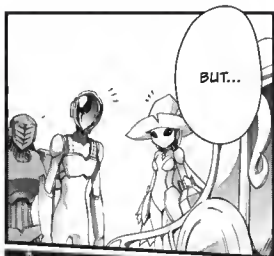
I TOLD YOU THIS BEFORE AS WELL.



THAT'S WHAT WE'RE ALL TRYING TO SAY.

EXACTLY ...





BUT...



...YOU'LL
NEED TO GET
RID OF ANY
NAIVE IDEAS
OF AIMING
FOR SECOND
OR LOWER IF
I'M TAKING
PART.

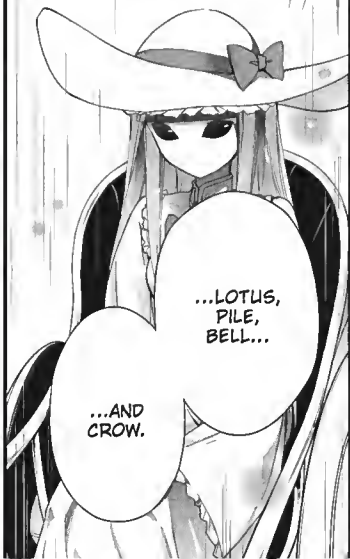
BE READY,
ALL RIGHT?



O-
OKAY!



THANK
YOU...



...LOTUS,
PILE,
BELL...

...AND
CROW.



YEAH.

SO WE'RE ALL
MEETING AT
HARU'S PLACE
AT ELEVEN
TOMORROW
MORNING,
RIGHT?

YEAH.

GUYS!!
LET'S KILL IT
TOMORROW!!

YEAH! I'M
SO PUMPED
FOR THIS!!



TOMORROW'S
RACE...!

WE
EITHER
ACHIEVE
TOTAL
VICTORY...

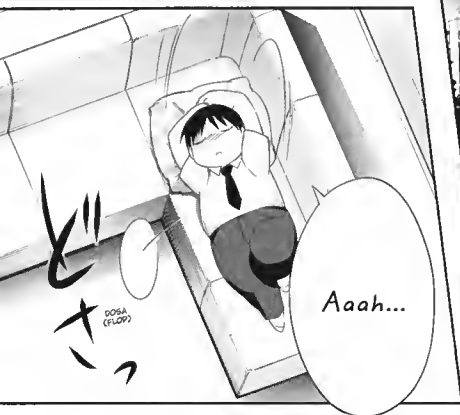
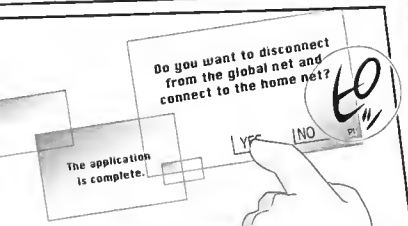
...OR WE
BURN UP IN
THE SKY!

LET'S
GIVE IT
EVERYTHING
WE'VE GOT!

OKAY!!

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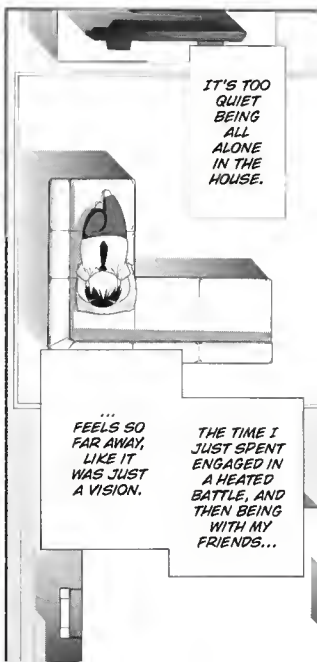
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THE LESS-
FUN SIDE
OF LIFE...
I NEVER
LIKE THIS
MOMENT
AFTER I
LOG OUT.

SATURDAY
EVENING,
AFTER THE
TERRITORIES.





AN ALERT
FROM THE
HOME NET?

...PROBABLY
THE USUAL
MAIL FROM MOM
SAYING SHE'LL
BE LATE AGAIN
TONIGHT.

HAVE I...
GOTTEN
STRONGER

...

...OR HAVE
I GOTTEN
WEAKER...?



BUT MY
DEPENDENCE
ON OTHER
PEOPLE HAS
INCREASED...
SO THERE'S
THAT.

I GUESS YOU
COULD SAY THAT
MY FEAR OF
OTHER PEOPLE
LESSENING
MEANS I'M
STRONGER.



...NOW I'M
AFRAID OF
LOSING...

RIGHT.
I...

BACK WHEN
I WAS ALONE
EVERY DAY, I
HAD NOTHING
TO LOSE.



MY IMAGINATION'S
PRETTY IMPRES-
SIVE,
HUH?



HEARING THINGS,
AND NOW I'M
SEEING THINGS...
AND, I MEAN,
IT'S SO VIVID.



SIGH...



KUROYUKIHIME-
SENPAI...

HM?
WHAT?





I'LL
MAKE
SOME
RIGHT
AWAY!!

I'M
SORRY,
I HAVEN'T
OFFERED
YOU TEA!

THANKS,
BUT I'M
OKAY.

FEEL FREE
TO COME
OVER EVERY
DAY—WAIT,
WHAT AM I
SAYING!?

N-N-
N-NOT
AT ALL!
I-I-I'M
REALLY
HAPPY.

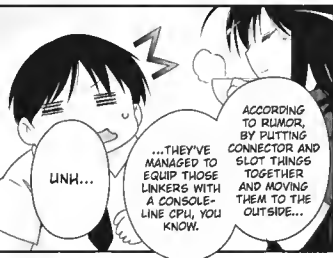
HUH!?



...BUT I
WONDER
IF YOU CAN
STILL SAY
THAT AFTER
SEEING THE
SPECS.

I
UNDER-
STAND
HOW YOU
FEEL...

AND YET, THE
NEW MODELS
COMING OUT...
I MEAN, THEY
COME WITH AN
EXTERNAL UNIT
FOR CARRYING
AROUND!



UHH...

...THEY'VE
MANAGED TO
EQUIP THOSE
LINKERS WITH
A CONSOLE-
LINE CPU, YOU
KNOW.

ACCORDING
TO RUMOR,
BY PUTTING
CONNECTOR AND
SLOT THINGS
TOGETHER
AND MOVING
THEM TO THE
OUTSIDE...



BUT I
THINK THE
LARGE, HIGH-
PERFORMANCE
NEURO-
LINKERS...

THEY'RE
SUPPOSED TO
BE MACHINES
DEVELOPED WITH
WEARABILITY IN
MIND, SO YOU
FORGET YOU EVEN
HAVE ONE ON.

...HAVE
GOTTEN
THINGS
BACKWARD
LATELY, YOU
KNOW?





I DIDN'T
EVEN GIVE
HER A
CHANCE
TO BRING
ANYTHING
UP.



I WAS SO HAPPY
TO HAVE HER
OVER, AND IT
WAS SO MUCH
FUN THAT I LOST
TRACK OF TIME,
AND...



...I DIDN'T
PICK UP ON
SOMETHING
IMPORTANT,
APPARENTLY
...?



GOD
...

...JUST
ONE
CHANCE
HERE...

S-
Senpai
...

Uh,
um...

... PLEASE
GIVE
ME...

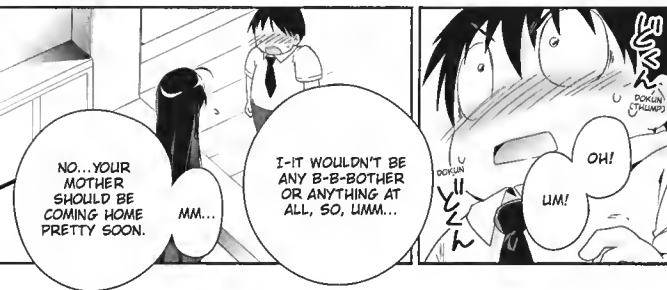


MAYBE THE
TRUTH IS...



...SHE ACTUALLY
HAD SOMETHING
ELSE SHE WANTED
TO TALK ABOUT?











I'M GONNA
END UP WITH
A CLOSET FULL
OF PAJAMAS
AT THIS RATE.



KANA
(BLUSH)

アハハ

Ha—
yeah...

You can leave
those here if
you—

AH!

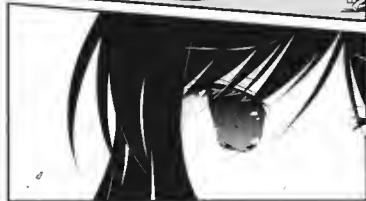


TODAY'S
BECAUSE
OF THE
LIGHTNING...
SO...LIKE...

I-I-I DIDN'T
MEAN IT LIKE
I WANT YOU
TO STAY OVER
AGAIN OR
ANYTHI—I-I-I-I
MEAN, IT'S NOT
LIKE I WOULD
HATE THAT—

アハハハ

AWAWAWA
(PANIC)



...DOING!?

WHAT
AM I...

...AND
YET...I'M
DOING THIS
AGAIN.

I WORKED UP THE
COURAGE TO STOP
HER SO I COULD
LISTEN TO HER...

SENPAI
DEFINITELY
HAS
SOMETHING
SHE WANTS
TO TALK
ABOUT.







SO WHY'D
YOU CHANGE
YOUR MIND?

...I THOUGHT
I WOULD TOO.

I
THOUGHT
...

...YOU'D
TELL ME
ANO.



YOU SAW
THROUGH ME,
YET YOU IGNORE
IT AND TRY TO
GO TO SLEEP
EARLY?

WHAT?

BECAUSE I
WAS PRETTY
SURE YOU HAD
SOMETHING
IMPORTANT YOU
WANTED TO
TALK ABOUT.

HMM...
UH...



SO...
UM...



WHAT DID
YOU WANT
TO TALK
ABOUT...?



WELL...
YOU DID LET
ME INTO YOUR
ROOM, SO I'LL
FORGIVE YOU.

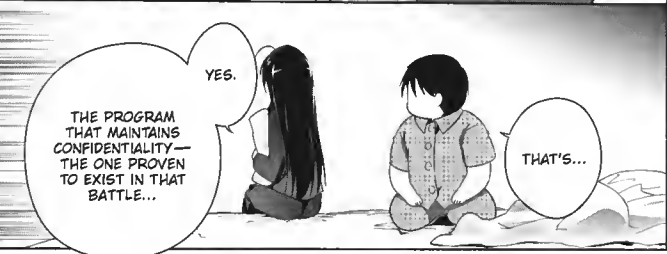
I-I'm
sorry.



**"THOSE
WHO LOSE
ALL THEIR
POINTS... .."**

**"...AT THE
SAME TIME,
LOSE ALL
RELATED
MEMORIES."**

**"...AND HAVE
BRAIN BURST
FORCEFULLY
UNINSTALLED..."**



YES.

**THE PROGRAM
THAT MAINTAINS
CONFIDENTIALITY—
THE ONE PROVEN
TO EXIST IN THAT
BATTLE...**

THAT'S...



BECAUSE,
IF I EVER LOSE TO
ANOTHER KING JUST
ONCE, I WILL LOSE
EVERYTHING.

...WAS MADE
EXPLICIT.

I... I WAS
TERRIFIED WHEN
THAT FINAL RULE,
A RULE I HAD
ONLY HEARD
RUMORS OF...



Huh?

...AT THE SAME
TIME, I... I WAS
ALSO RELIEVED.

BUT,
HARUYUKI-
KUN...



...WAS
OUT THERE
SOMEWHERE IN
TOKYO NURSING
A DEEP GRUDGE
TOWARD ME...

I THOUGHT
THE BOY WHO
WAS THE
RED KING...

THESE TWO
AND A HALF
YEARS... I'VE
LIVED IN
FEAR.



THAT'S
NOT IT,
HARUYUKI-
KUN.

.....

EVEN IF IT WAS
A SURPRISE
ATTACK, THERE'S
NOTHING TO
HOLD A GRUDGE
ABOUT...

B-
BUT...

...BACK
THEN, YOU
DIDN'T HAVE
THE NON-
AGGRESSION
PACT, RIGHT?



THAT
TIME...

...I
ACTIVATED
IT.

THE INCARNATE
SYSTEM!!

THAT POWER
ALL SEVEN
KINGS VOWED
NOT TO USE...

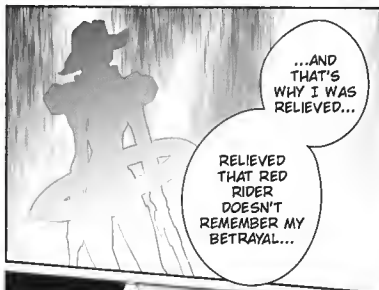


Senpai...

THAT'S
WHY...I...

...IT COULDN'T
KILL A LEVEL
NINER LIKE
RED RIDER IN A
SINGLE BLOW.

NO MATTER
HOW GREAT
THE ATTACK
POWER OF
DEATH BY
EMBRACING...



...AND
THAT'S
WHY I WAS
RELIEVED...

RELIEVED
THAT RED
RIDER
DOESN'T
REMEMBER MY
BETRAYAL...



THAT'S...

HONESTLY...
I'M SUCH A
HOPELESS
COWARD...



RIDER HAS
THE RIGHT
TO RESENT
ME.

BUT THE
SENSATION OF
THAT SINGLE
BLOW ALONE
STAINS MY ARMS
STILL...

I DON'T
REGRET
CHOOSING
THE PATH
OF FIGHTING
THE OTHER
KINGS.



...WE HAVE
TO JUST
ACCEPT
THAT FACT
AND KEEP
FIGHTING.



BUT NOW
THAT WE
KNOW...

I THINK
THAT
KNOWING
THIS
MEMORY
LOSS IS
LYING IN
WAIT...

...AND
FIGHTING
ANYWAY PUTS
AN INCREDIBLE
AMOUNT OF
PRESSURE.



HARU-
YUKI-
KUN...

...THERE'S
NOTHING
COWARDLY
ABOUT
THAT.

IN WHICH
CASE...
GETTING
A LITTLE
RELIEF IN
EXCHANGE
...



I SEE...THAT'S
SO LIKE YOU—
SUCH A LOGICAL
OPINION.



...IT'S NOT
JUST ONE
PERSON I'VE
HURT WITH MY
INCARNATE.

WELL...

WH-
WHY
NOT!?

HOWEVER,
I...
PROBABLY
DON'T
HAVE THAT
RIGHT.

YOU
SHOULD BE
FIGHTING
WITH THAT
KIND OF
FAITH.





BUT THAT'S
NOT IT...
THE CAUSE
IS LIKELY
MY WILL.

PAPA
(PWA)

FUKO SAID
THAT THE
REASON
CHIYURI-KUN
COULDN'T
RECOVER
RAKER'S
LEGS...

...WAS
BECAUSE HER
OWN WILL WAS
AT WORK.



GYU
(SQUEEZE)

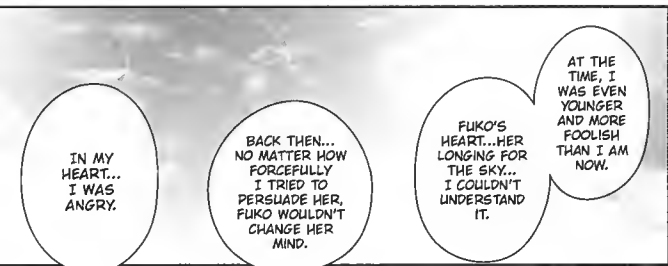
YOU'RE
WRONG,
HARUYUKI-
KUN.

SO YOU
HAD NO
CHOICE!!

RAKER-SAN
WOULDN'T
LISTEN NO
MATTER
WHAT YOU
SAID.

RAKER-SAN
HERSELF SAYS
SHE BASICALLY
FORCED YOU
INTO IT.

THAT'S—!
THAT'S NOT
TRUE!!



IN MY
HEART...
I WAS
ANGRY.

BACK THEN...
NO MATTER HOW
FORCEFULLY
I TRIED TO
PERSUADE HER,
FUKO WOULDN'T
CHANGE HER
MIND.

FUKO'S
HEART...HER
LONGING FOR
THE SKY...
I COULDN'T
UNDERSTAND
IT.

AT THE
TIME, I
WAS EVEN
YOUNGER
AND MORE
FOOLISH
THAN I AM
NOW.



**"IF THAT'S
HOW YOU
WANT IT,
YOU CAN
LOSE THEM
FOREVER."**

SHE DIDN'T
RESPOND TO
ANYTHING I
SAID, AND MY
SADNESS...
MY ANGER...

I PUT ALL THOSE
FEELINGS INTO
THE BLADE OF
MY RIGHT HAND
AND AMPUTATED
RAKER'S LEGS.

NO DOUBT,
IT EATS AT
RAKER'S
SCARS EVEN
NOW.

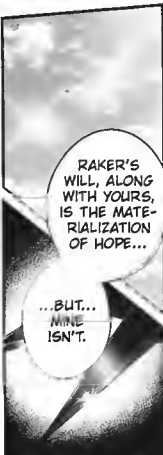
THAT WAS
MY WILL AT
THE TIME.

IT TURNED
OUT TO BE
A CURSE.



**I
OVERWRITE
WITH THE
POWER...**

**...OF RAGE...OF
RESENTMENT...
OF DESPAIR!!**



RAKER'S
WILL, ALONG
WITH YOURS,
IS THE MATE-
RIALIZATION
OF HOPE...

...BUT...
MINE
ISN'T.



NO.

YOU'RE
TOTALLY
WRONG!!

.....!!



AS
SYMBOLIZED
BY THE WAY
MY HORRIBLY
UGLY AVATAR
LOOKS....!!

CUTTING
EVERYTHING
OFF, CAUSING
PEOPLE TO
LOSE WHAT'S
PRECIOUS
TO THEM...



...
FROM THE
DEEPEST,
DARKEST
ABYSS OF
DESPAIR....!!

...YOU
SAVED ME
...

BECAUSE...

THERE'S NO
WAY DESPAIR AND
LOSS ARE YOUR
TRUE NATURE!!



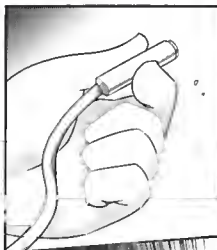
...MY
FEEL-
INGS
ACROSS
...?



...GET
...



HOW
CAN
I...



SENPAI.



**...DUEL
WITH
ME.**

PLEASE...

CHAPTER

#30



IF YOU DO,
I'M SURE YOU'LL
UNDERSTAND...


SENPAI.

PLEASE DUEL
WITH ME.



...IMPOR-
TANT YOU
ARE TO
ME...!!

...HOW
TRULY...



...HOW...
HOW MUCH
YOU...



You
always...

...surprise
me...



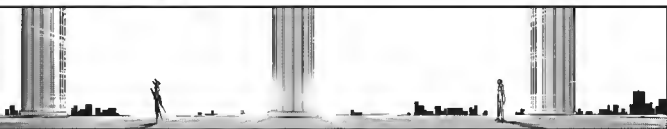
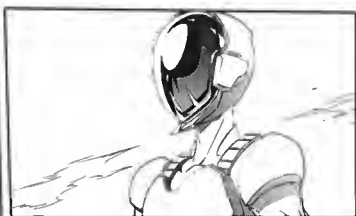
...WE'VE
FOUGHT
ONE-ON-
ONE...

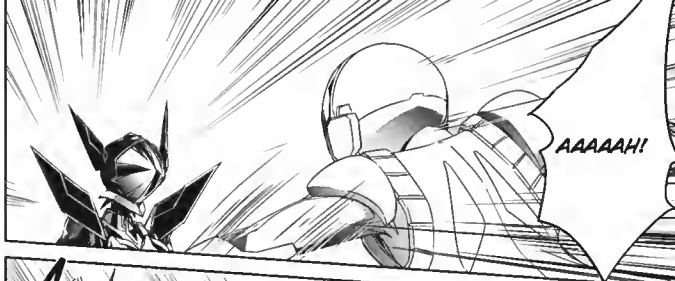
...THIS
WOULD BE
THE FIRST
TIME...

NOW THAT
I THINK
ABOUT IT...









AAAAAH!



BU
(CHUP)

BUN
(YUWAW)

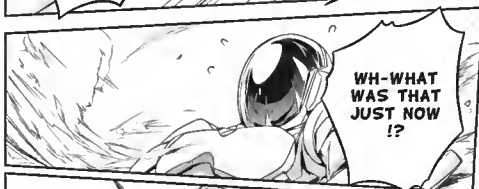


—RIGHT
HERE!!

I
SHOULD
AIM
FOR—

HER
SWORDS
ARE
FEARSOME
IN BOTH
OFFENSE
AND
DEFENSE.









PUT
EVERYTHING
I HAVE OUT
THERE...

BET
EVERYTHING
ON A ZERO-
DISTANCE
RUSH
ATTACK!!



GIVE UP ON
TRYING TO
COUNTER
FROM THE
SIDE.

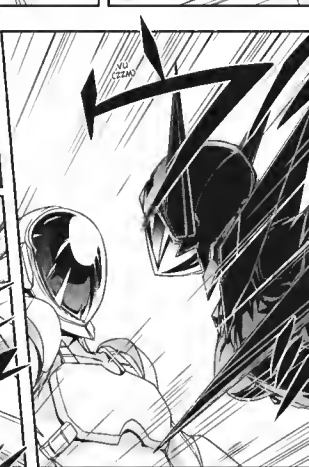


BI
CPWIO



WYU
CHYOO

!!



YU
CZENO



**...MY
AERIAL
COMBO!!**





...OUT
OF THE
ABYSS
AND
GAVE
WINGS!!

THIS IS
MY FULL
POWER—
ME, THE
PERSON
YOU
PULLED
UP...



SEN-
PAI...

...THIS
IS ME
NOW.



...THEN
WHAT...

...DO YOU
CALL THIS
FIGHT!?



IF YOUR
TRUE
NATURE...

...IS
DESPAIR...
IF IT'S
LOSS...



**THIS IS IT.
THIS...**



OH, I SEE...



**THIS IS
WHAT A
DUEL IS.**

**FORGET
EVERYTHING...
AND SIMPLY
MOVE AS
YOU WISH.**

**BECOME ONE
WITH YOUR
DUEL AVATAR.**



FUWA
COWARD

RIDER AND I...
RAKER AND I...

THEY WERE
ALSO...

THE COUNTLESS
BATTLES WE
FOUGHT THEN...



CRAP. SHE'S
GOING TO SEND
ME FLYING
AGAIN—

THE WAY
OF THE
FLEXIBLE!!



PITA
(PRESSE)



...SILVER
CROW...

NICE
FIGHT...



HUH...!?



... E M B R A C I N G !!

D E A T H B Y

Silver Cr

THAT...

...IS SOME
SERIOUS
POWER...!!

▶ GAME SET ◀
YOU LOSE...

TRAINER ▶▶

LOTUS

▶▶▶ **ACCEL • WORLD**

CHAPTER

#31

Silver Crow

Do you want to
log out?

YES

NO

AHH!







...YOU'D
GOTTEN
THAT
STRONG!!

I NEVER
REALIZED...



YOU
SURPRISED
ME.



THAT'S JUST
A REFLECTION
OF THE
DIFFERENCE IN
OUR LEVELS.

**B-BUT THE
RESULT WAS
BASICALLY A
PERFECT WIN
FOR YOU...**



R-REALLY?



AS YOU KEPT
ON RUSHING
ME IN MIDAIR,
YOU FORCED
ME TO BLOCK
DESPERATELY
FOR THE FIRST
TIME IN AN
INCREDIBLY
LONG TIME.

IT WAS A
MUCH MORE
EQUAL FIGHT
THAN YOU
THINK.



REALLY!!

...JUST HOW
HAPPY I
AM RIGHT
NOW...!!

AAH, I WISH
I COULD LET
YOU KNOW...

SENPAI...



...BECAUSE,
AT THE END
OF THAT PATH,
I FOUND YOU.

THE MANY
DAYS I SPENT
DUELING WERE
NOT IN VAIN...



HARUYUKI-
KUN...

PROUD...

...I'M...

...PROUD
OF YOU.



That's the
first time in
my life...

...anyone's
ever told me
they're proud
of me.



Ah...

Um...

I...

I—

I'm sorry...



THEN I'LL
SAY IT
ENOUGH
TO MAKE
UP FOR
THE LAST
FOURTEEN
YEARS.

YOU
ARE MY
CHILD—
THE SOLE
CHILD OF
BLACK
LOTUS,
THE BLACK
KING...

...AND YOU'RE
A PARTNER I
CAN BE PROUD
OF, MORE THAN
ANYONE ELSE.



...MY...

THE REAL-
WORLD YOU,
HARUYUKI
ARITA, IS
ALSO...

NO...
YOU'RE
NOT
JUST
THAT.

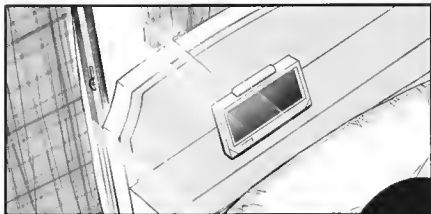


TOKUJIN

FU...

GOOD
NIGHT...

...
HARUYUKI-
KUN...





!?

UH.
UH...



WHA—!?
HUH!?
HEY—!

PIN
(GHAU)

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!?



R-RIGHT.

THE CABLE WE
USED FOR THE
DIRECT DUEL
IS STILL...

GU
(TUG)

GU
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AH! O-O-KAY!

SORRY!
I'M
COMIN—

PINPON
(BINGBONG)

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GOOD MORNING,
CORVUS-SAN.

I KNOW I'M A
LITTLE EARLY,
BUT...THERE'S
SOMETHING
I WANTED TO
TALK TO YOU
ABOUT, SO...

O-okay.

N-NOW'S
NOT THE
TIME TO
GET UPSET!

IF I DON'T DO
SOMETHING,
SHE'LL FIND
OUT KUROYUKI-
HIME-SENPAI
STAYED THE
NIGHT!!

I-I'M
SORRY!
I JUST
GOT UP.

SORRY
TO DROP IN
ON YOU
LIKE THIS.

JUST TO
BE SURE, I
DID SEND A
MESSAGE
EARLY THIS
MORNING...

...AND WE CAN
PRETEND SHE
JUST CAME IN
THROUGH THE
FRONT DOOR.
THAT'S OUR
ONLY OPTION!!

I'LL
SECRETLY
GET SENPAI
TO CHANGE
IN MY ROOM
...

TH-THIS
WAY...TO
THE LIVING
ROOM.

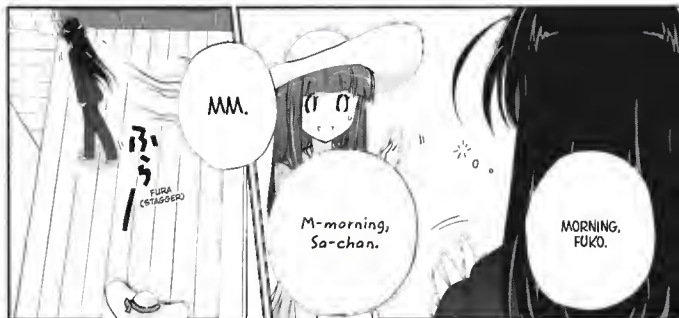
THANK YOU
FOR HAVING
ME.

CORVUS-
SAN...I
WANTED
TO...

I WANTED
SOME TIME
TO TALK TO
YOU FOR A
WHILE.

LATELY, THE
ONLY CHANCE
WE GET TO
MEET IS IN THE
TERRITORIES.





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...

KADHA
GGHO

...WELL...

...I DO
UNDER-
STAND THE
CIRCUM-
STANCES.

YOU
PROBABLY
WOULD'VE
ENCOUNTERED
SOME DIFFICULTY
IN RETURNING
HOME, WOULDN'T
YOU?

E-
EXACTLY,
FUKO!!

THE HEAVY
RAIN LAST
NIGHT WAS
INDEED NOT
IN THE
FORECAST.

AND
THERE WERE
MALFUNCTIONS
IN THE NETWORK
IN THE WESTERN
PART OF THE
TWENTY-THREE
WARDS.



WHICH IS
WHY...

...I'LL BE
VERY UNDER-
STANDING.

IT WAS
JUST LIKE
THAT TIME
WHEN
PURPLE
LOST IT!!

TH-THE
LIGHTNING!



P-P-P-
PLEASE!
ANYTHING
BUT
THAT—!

IF BELL
AND PILE
KNEW...

...THEY WOULD
CERTAINLY BE
MOVED BY THE
CLOSENESS
OF THEIR
LEGION
MASTER
AND SILVER
CROW—



...HOW
ABOUT
THIS?

THEN...



BUT IF,
AS YOU
SAY, LOTUS,
NOTHING
UNTOWARD
HAPPENED...

...THEN
THERE'S NO
REAL REASON
FOR ME TO
CONCEAL THE
INCIDENT,
IS THERE?

Th-
that's...

WH—!?
WH-WH-
WHAT
ARE YOU
TALKING
ABOUT,
FUKO!?

HUH?

GOODNESS! I DID
HAVE CORYUS-SAN
STAY AT MY HOUSE
ONCE, YOU KNOW.

UNDER THAT
CONDITION,
I WOULD BE
DELIGHTED
TO KEEP THIS
QUIET.

PLEASE
INVITE ME TO
A SLEEPOVER
AS WELL
SOMETIME
THIS MONTH.

N-N-N-NO,
NOT LIKE
THAT! IT
WAS IN THE
ACCELERATED
WORLD!

WHAT
IS SHE
TALKING
ABOUT,
HARUYUKI-
KUNI?

WE EVEN
HAD DINNER
TOGETHER.



STILL...



...I DON'T
KNOW IF I'VE
EVER SEEN...

...OR
KUROYUKI-
HIME-SENPAI
SO RELAXED.

...RAKER-SAN
ENJOYING
HERSELF SO
MUCH...



BUT...

*...THE SELF-
CONDEMNATION
THEY'D HAD
SINCE HURTING
EACH OTHER IN
THE PAST...*

*IT'S STILL
DEEP AND
UNHEALED...*



*I CAN FEEL
IT TOO.*

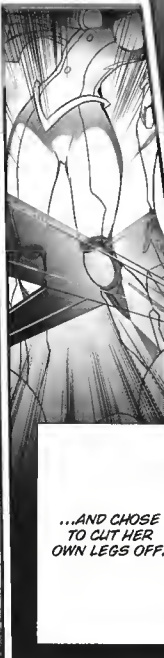
*THEY'RE
CONNECTED
ON A DEEP,
SPIRITUAL
LEVEL.*

*THEY
HAVE THIS
BOND.*



...I
GUESS
SHE
TRIED TO
SIMPLIFY
THINGS.

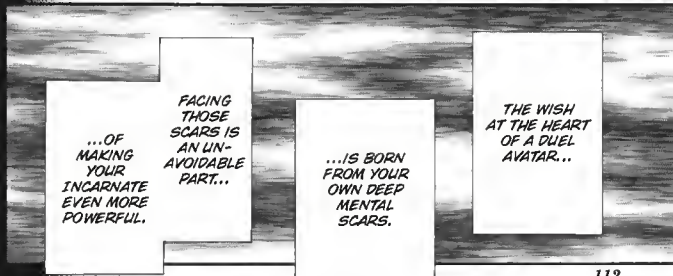
BY ALSO
MATERIALIZING
IN THE
ACCELERATED
WORLD WHAT
SHE WAS
LACKING IN THE
REAL WORLD...



...AND CHOSE
TO CUT HER
OWN LEGS OFF.

SHE BET ON
THE POSSIBILITY
THAT SHE COULD
OVERWRITE HER
JUMP INTO FLIGHT
WITH INCARNATE...

RAKER-
SAN...



...OF
MAKING
YOUR
INCARNATE
EVEN MORE
POWERFUL.

FACING
THOSE
SCARS IS
AN UN-
AVOIDABLE
PART...

...IS BORN
FROM YOUR
OWN DEEP
MENTAL
SCARS.

THE WISH
AT THE HEART
OF A DUEL
AVATAR...



YOU
HAVE TO
PICK THE
SCABS
OFF...

...THE
MENTAL
WOUNDS
PUSHED
BACK TO
THE DEPTHS
OF YOUR
MEMORY,
EXPAND
THEM...

...AND
PICK
THEM
OFF
ONCE
MORE!





IN THE END,
THE DEEPER
THE VOID IN
THE CORE OF
THE BURST
LINKER—

...I WAS
JUST THINKING
ABOUT THE
STRUCTURE OF
THE INCARNATE
SYSTEM.

I MEAN, THE
MORE UNHAPPY
YOU ARE IN THE
REAL WORLD,
THE STRONGER
IT IS. IS IT
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT?



THERE
ARE MUCH
STRONGER
POWERS THAN
THAT IN THE
ACCELERATED
WORLD.

...THE
BONDS OF
FRIENDS AND
COMPANIONS,
AND THE
PRESENCE OF
RIVALS...

BATTLE
STRATEGIES
AND
TECHNIQUES,
TRAINING
AND
EXPERIENCE
...

EVEN IN AN
INCARNATE
BATTLE, THE
SUPERIORITY
OF THESE
DOES NOT
WAVER.



THAT'S
NOT
HOW IT
WORKS.

NO.

THOSE MENTAL
SCARS ARE,
IN THE END,
NOTHING MORE
THAN A KEY FOR
A DUEL AVATAR'S
ATTRIBUTES.



WITH
THAT IN
MIND...

YOU ARE
CORRECT.
DON'T
DOUBT IT.



THE ONES
WHO DRAG THEIR
REAL-WORLD
UNHAPPINESS
INTO THE FIGHT
BEING STRONGER
THAN THOSE WHO
SIMPLY ENJOY
THE DUEL—

THAT'S
THE EXACT
OPPOSITE
OF WHAT
YOU BELIEVE,
ISN'T IT?

Y-YEAH...
THAT'S
TRUE.



EVEN, FOR
INSTANCE...
IF YOU ARE
EARNESTLY
ENJOYING
THE DUELS...

...LIKE MY
"CHILD," ASH
ROLLER...AS
LONG AS YOU
ARE A BURST
LINKER...

...IT'S NEARLY
IMPOSSIBLE TO
BE SATISFIED
IN THE REAL
WORLD...



...THERE
STILL EXISTS
ANOTHER
REALITY AT
THE SAME
TIME...

...
CORVUS-
SAN.



...ARE
ELEMENTS THAT
RUN COUNTER
TO REAL-WORLD
HAPPINESS.

...BECAUSE
BEING EQUIPPED
WITH A NEURO-
LINKER AT AN
EARLY AGE...

...AND
POSSESSING
A HIGH-LEVEL
APTITUDE FOR
THE QUANTUM
CONNECTION...



.....

...IS TO
REDUCE THE
WORKLOAD
THAT COMES
WITH RAISING
THE CHILD.

THEY SAY
MORE THAN 90
PERCENT OF THE
TIME, THE REASON
FOR EQUIPPING A
NEWBORN WITH A
NEUROLINKER...



HOWEVER...
I NEEDED
THEM WHEN
I WAS A
CHILD.

Me
too...

When I was
little, being
alone in this
house...

It was so
scary...



PERHAPS
THIS IS AN
UNCOMFORTABLE
WAY OF
PHRASING
IT, BUT...

...DON'T NEED
NEUROLINKERS
OR THE
ACCELERATED
WORLD.

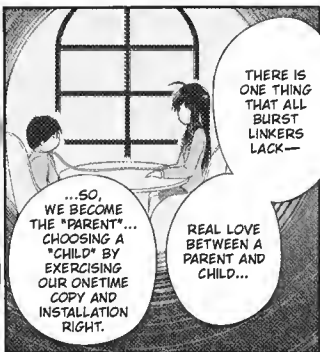
...CHILDREN
BROUGHT UP
WITH THEIR
PARENTS ALWAYS
WATCHING OVER
THEM, PLAYING
WITH THEM,
AND HAVING
CONVERSATIONS
IN THEIR REAL
VOICES...



AS A
RESULT, WE
ARE INTENSELY
DEPENDENT ON
THIS SECOND
PARENT-CHILD
RELATIONSHIP.

I SEE YOUR
CYNICISM IS
AS SHARP
AS EVER,
SA-CHAN.

WE CLING TO
THE ACCELERATED
WORLD ITSELF...
IT'S QUITE THE
WELL-MADE
SYSTEM.



THERE IS
ONE THING
THAT ALL
BURST
LINKERS
LACK—

...SO,
WE BECOME
THE "PARENT"...
CHOOSING A
"CHILD" BY
EXERCISING
OUR ONETIME
COPY AND
INSTALLATION
RIGHT.

REAL LOVE
BETWEEN A
PARENT AND
CHILD...



**IT'S BETTER...
TO COMPARE
THE SIZE OF
YOUR HOPE.**

**ALL BURST
LINKERS BEAR
ENORMOUS
SCARS IN THE
DEPTHS OF
THEIR HEARTS...**

**...SO THEN,
ISN'T IT
FUTILE TO
COMPARE THE
SIZE OF THAT
UNHAPPINESS?**

H-HUH?



**CORVUS-
SAN...**

**...I
SAID EARLIER
THAT THERE'S
AN UNHAPPY
REALITY...**

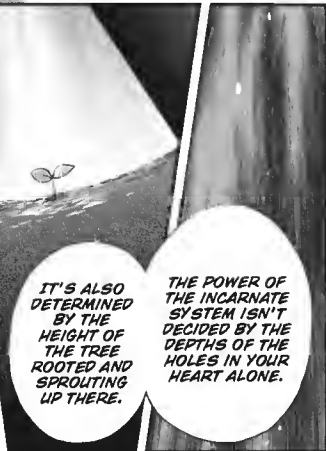
**...BUT THAT
WASN'T TO
SAY THAT
FACT ITSELF
IS UNHAPPY.**



...BUT...

**...AND ENDED
UP CUTTING
THEM DOWN AT
THE ROOT, SO
PERHAPS I HAVE
NO RIGHT TO
SPEAK NOW...**

**...A
LONG TIME
AGO, I TRIED
TO FORCE
THOSE TREES
TO GROW...**



**IT'S ALSO
DETERMINED
BY THE
HEIGHT OF
THE TREE
ROOTED AND
SPROUTING
UP THERE.**

**THE POWER OF
THE INCARNATE
SYSTEM ISN'T
DECIDED BY THE
DEPTHS OF THE
HOLES IN YOUR
HEART ALONE.**

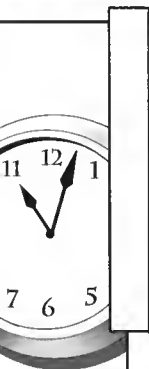




IT MAKES ME
SO HAPPY TO
HAVE SOMEONE
TO HUDDLE
TOGETHER
WITH.

WE'RE LIKE A
PACK OF KITTENS
WHOSE MOTHER
HASN'T COME
HOME, HUDDLING
TOGETHER IN
THE NEST.

HEE-
HEE-HEE.



SO,
TODAY'S
RACE!

R-
RIGHT!!

WE'RE
COUNTING
ON YOU,
DRIVER!

THIS IS BRAIN
BURST, SO
THERE'LL BE
NO MANUAL
OR TUTORIAL.



ATTENTION!!

I'VE
BROUGHT
SOME OF
MY MOM'S
HOMEMADE
TAGLIATELLE
WITH SEAFOOD
TOMATO
SAUCE!

TA-
DAAA!
♪



LET'S SIT
DOWN AND EAT,
EVERYONE!

THIS IS
WONDERFUL!!



H-hey...

WHEN I
TOLD MY
MOM ABOUT
IT, SHE GOT
EXCITED AND
STARTED
COOKING.

THIS IS HISTORY
IN THE MAKING!
HARU'S NEVER
HAD THIS MANY
PEOPLE AT HIS
HOUSE BEFORE.



I COULD
GIVE
HARUYUKI-
KUN A RUN
FOR HIS
MONEY.

OH,
COME ON—
YOU KNOW I'M
NOT EXACTLY
EATING VERY
WELL THESE
DAYS.

WHAT?
THAT'S
NOT GOOD
FOR YOU,
SENPAI!!

I SEE.

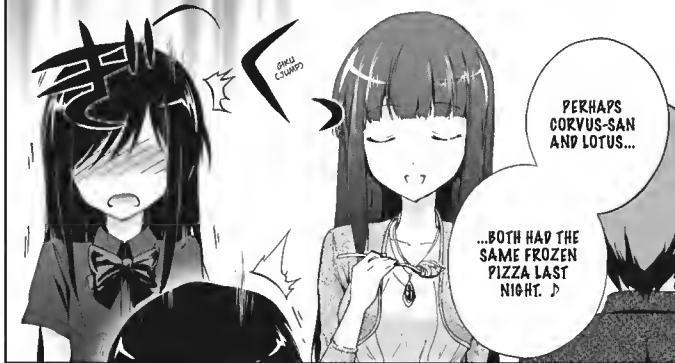


PLEASE
THANK YOUR
MOTHER FOR
ME AS WELL.

OH, IT
REALLY IS
DELICIOUS...!

I WAS
WORRIED
ABOUT
WHETHER
OR NOT
YOU'D
LIKE IT.

OKAY!!
I'M SO
GLAD TO
HEAR
THAT.



...PUT ME ONTO
THE EXACT
TRAJECTORY
THE DEVELOPER
INTENDED...

EVEN IF THE
MOVEMENTS
OF MY HEART...

AS A
RESULT, WE
ARE INTENSELY
DEPENDENT ON
THIS SECOND
PARENT-CHILD
RELATIONSHIP.

WE CLING TO
THE ACCELERATED
WORLD ITSELF...
IT'S QUITE THE
WELL-MADE
SYSTEM.



...I
WILL...

...PROTECT
THIS FAMILY.

ROGER!!

...AND THEN
WE SHOULD
ALL BE
INSTANTLY
TRANSPORTED
TO HERMES
CORD.

I'LL USE THE
TRANSPORTER
CARD...

...ONCE YOU
ACCELERATE
AND SHOW UP
IN THE INITIAL
ACCELERATED
SPACE, PLEASE
REMAIN ON
STANDBY
THERE.

SO...



ARE
WE ALL
READY?

NOW
THEN,
EVERY-
ONE...

...LET'S
ENJOY EVERY
MINUTE OF
THE HERMES
CORD RACE!

THREE,
TWO,
ONE...



**BURST
LINK!!**

▶▶▶ **ACCEL • WORLD**

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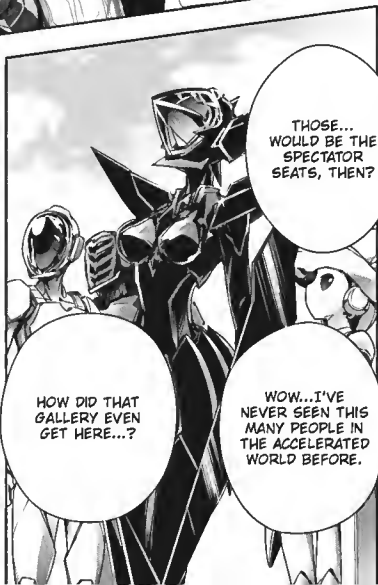
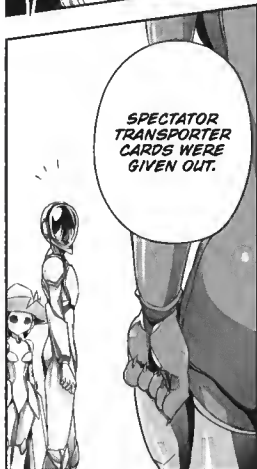


WHAT IS
THIS...!?

WHA...?

woot!

woot!





OH...

PARD-
SAN!!

H-HELLO!

'SUP?



OH...
THAT'S
TOO BAD.

...BUT THE
SIX LEGION
MUTUAL NON-
AGGRESSION
PACT PROHIBITS
FIGHTING
BETWEEN
KINGS—EVEN
IN AN EVENT.

SHE
WAS
DYING
TO...

きょろ
KYORO
(WHIRL)

UM...
NIKO
DIDN'T
COME?



HA
HA...

I HAVE A
MESSAGE
FROM HER
INSTEAD.

"AIM FOR
SECOND.
GOOD
LUCK."

Oh...
O-okay.

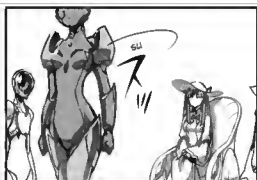
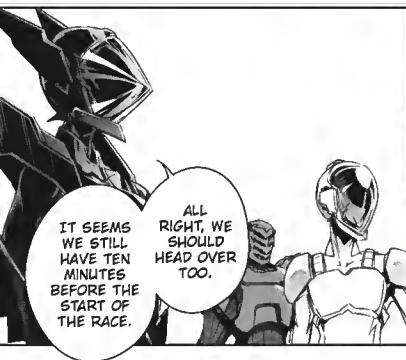


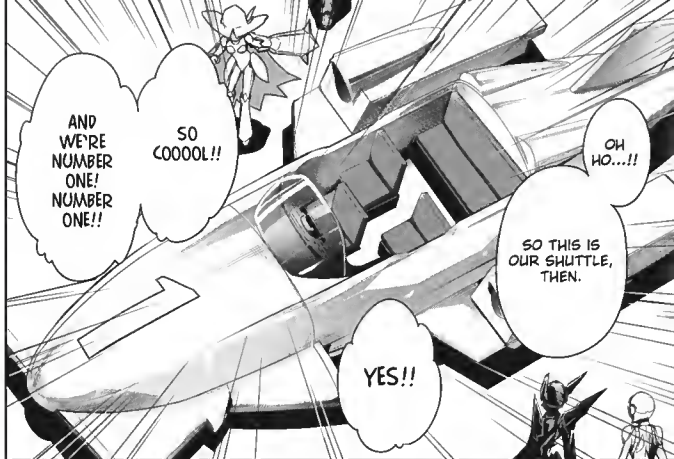
SO
THEN,
UM...

IS THE
RED TEAM
FIGHTING
WITH US
UNTIL WE
CLOSE IN ON
THE FINISH
LINE..?



SU
(GASP)





AND
WE'RE
NUMBER
ONE!
NUMBER
ONE!!

SO
COOOOL!!

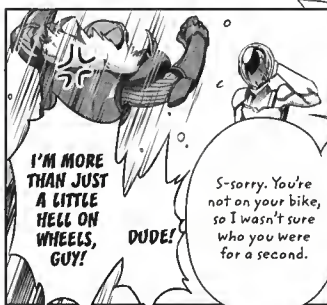
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HO....!!

SO THIS IS
OUR SHUTTLE,
THEN.

YES!!



HEY,
HEEEY!!



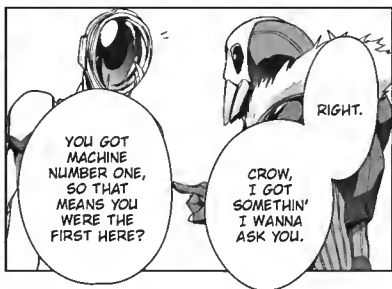
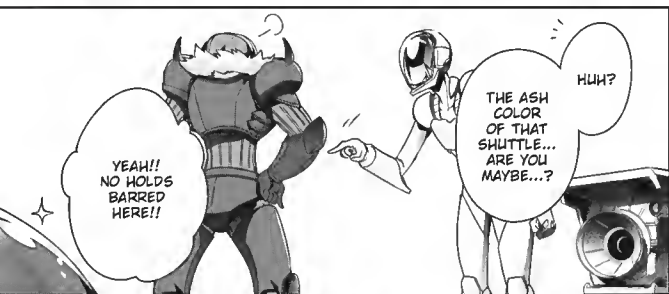
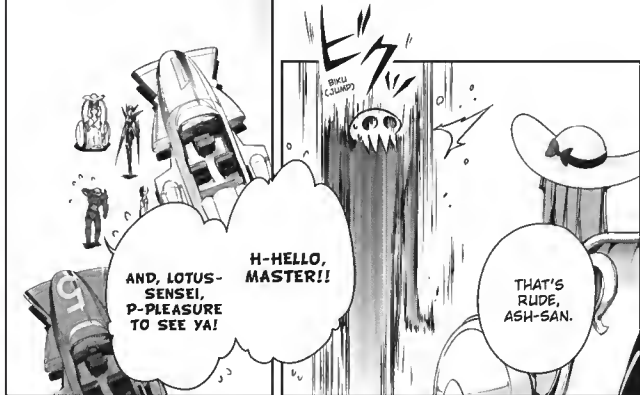
I'M MORE
THAN JUST
A LITTLE
HELL ON
WHEELS,
GUY!

DUDE!

S-sorry. You're
not on your bike,
so I wasn't sure
who you were
for a second.

ASH-
SAN!!

TOO BAD
YOU CAME
ALL THE WAY
HERE JUST
TO LOSE.
LOSER
CROW!!





THE TENTH
SHUTTLE

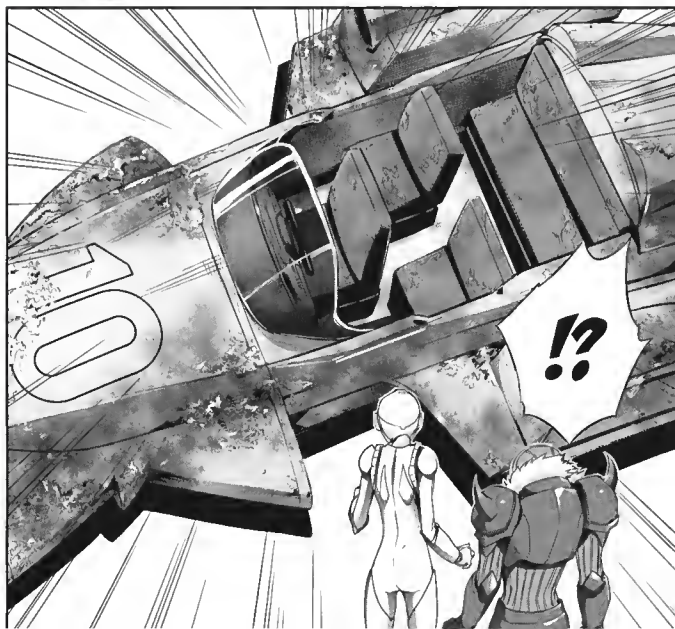
CHECK IT!
SEE?

HEY!
UH,
WHERE
ARE
WE—!?

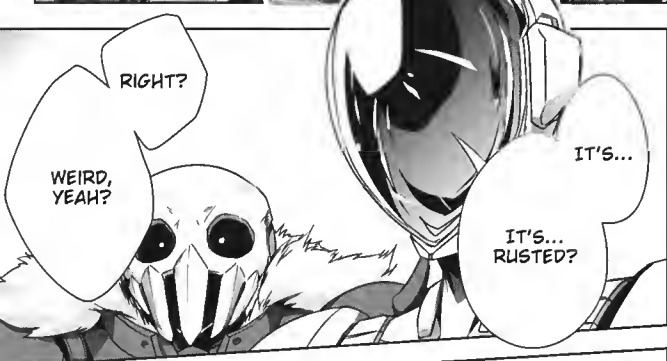
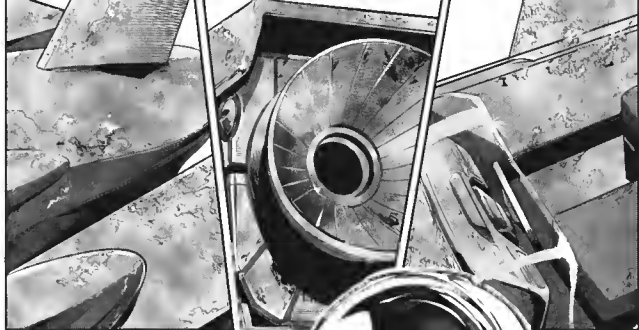


HUH!?

C'MERE
A SEC.



!?



RIGHT?

WEIRD,
YEAH?

IT'S...

IT'S...
RUSTED?



WHEN WE
ARRIVED, ALL TEN
MACHINES WERE
UNREGISTERED.

...NO.



WAS IT
LIKE THIS
WHEN
YOU GUYS
FIRST
SAW IT?

BY THE
TIME THE
OTHER LEGION
MEMS AND I
GOT HERE, IT
WAS ALREADY
LIKE THIS.



YEAH,
MAN.

IN THIS
CONDITION!?

RESERVED!?



RESERVED

(BEEP)



What on
Earth...?



PARD-SAN
AND I COULD
ALREADY HEAR A
TON OF PEOPLE
RUNNING OVER
WHEN WE LEFT.

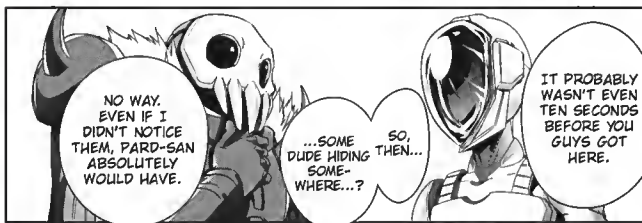
...NO.
THERE'S
NO WAY.



...NO.

YOU
SEE THE
GUY WHO
GOT IT?

SO, LIKE, THEY
SNUCK IN AFTER
YOU GUYS BUT
BEFORE US?



NO WAY.
EVEN IF I
DIDN'T NOTICE
THEM, PARD-SAN
ABSOLUTELY
WOULD HAVE.

...SOME
DUDE HIDING
SOME-
WHERE...?

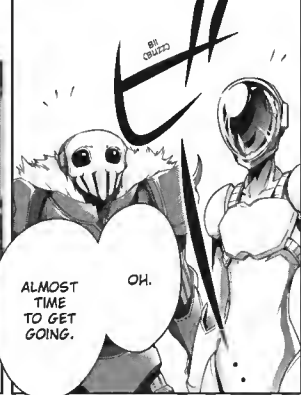
SO,
THEN...

IT PROBABLY
WASN'T EVEN
TEN SECONDS
BEFORE YOU
GUYS GOT
HERE.



IT DOESN'T
LOOK
LIKE THE
DRIVER'S
COMING
EITHER...

I FEEL FOR THE
DRIVER AND ALL,
BUT THERE AIN'T
NOTHING TO DO
BUT LEAVE THIS
THING BE.



ALMOST
TIME
TO GET
GOING.

OH.



YEAH!
LET'S DO
THIS!!

LET'S GET
OUT THERE
AND KICK
SOME ASS!!

THESE
SHUTTLES
DON'T HAVE
TIRES!

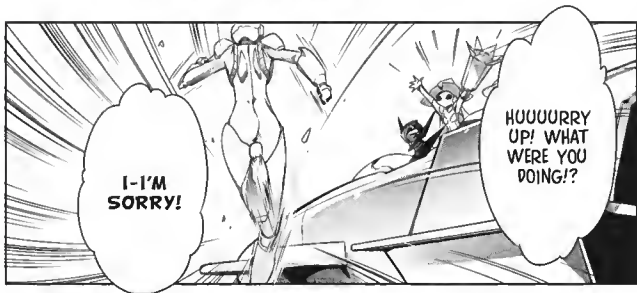


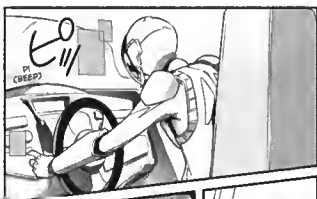
LET ME TELL YOU NOW
THOUGH! LONG AS IT'S
GOT TIRES—TRICYCLE,
TANKER TRUCK,
WHATEVER—I GIVE IT
A GIGA WELCOME!



I-I'M
SORRY!

HUUUUURRY
UP! WHAT
WERE YOU
DOING!?







O-
OKAY!

PROCEED
CAUTIOUSLY
UNTIL YOU
GET USED TO
DRIVING IT.

STILL,
THIS IS THE
FIRST TIME ANY
OF THE DRIVERS
HAS OPERATED
A SHUTTLE.



HMM.
BELL.

I DON'T
THINK OUR
SPECIAL-ATTACK
GAUGES WILL
CHARGE THAT
MUCH...

...SINCE OUR
AVATAR HP
GAUGES ARE
LOCKED.

WHAT!?
SERIOUSLY!?



WE'LL KEEP A
TIGHT GUARD
AGAINST ANY
ATTACKS FROM
THE OTHER
TEAMS, SO
DON'T WORRY
ABOUT THAT.

AND
IF WE TAKE
A TEENSY BIT
OF DAMAGE,
I'LL JUST
REWIND!

TOTALLY!



HERE WE
GOOOO!!

VOOOOOOO
CHHHHHH

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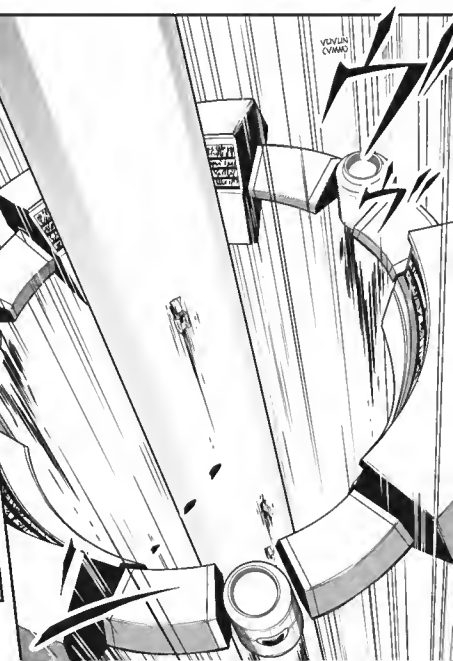
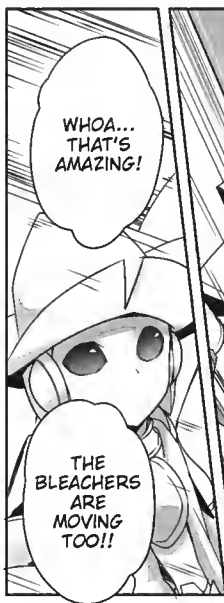
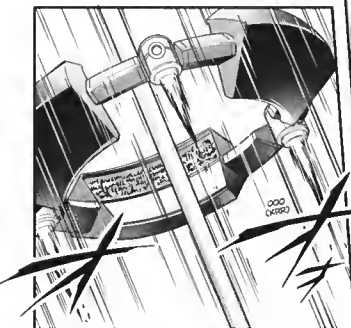


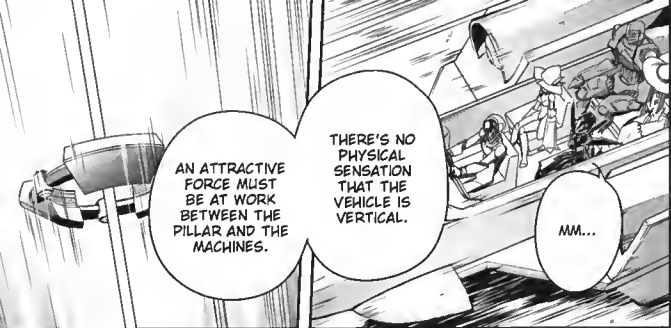
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YEEAAH!

vooo





AN ATTRACTIVE
FORCE MUST
BE AT WORK
BETWEEN THE
PILLAR AND THE
MACHINES.

THERE'S NO
PHYSICAL
SENSATION
THAT THE
VEHICLE IS
VERTICAL.

MM...



...I'VE
CRASHED
THOUSANDS
OF TIMES!!

IN
RACING
GAMES...



ALLL
RIIIIGHT!
FLYYYY!

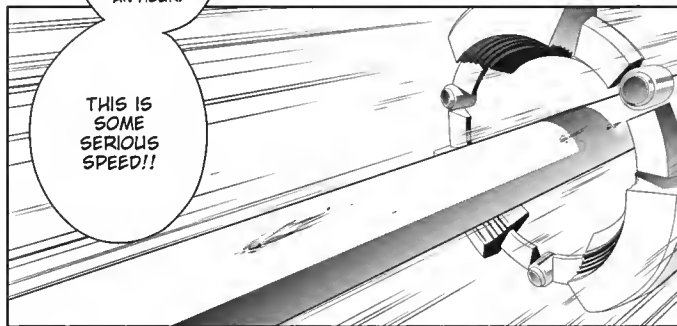
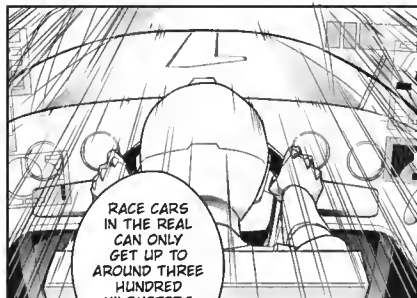
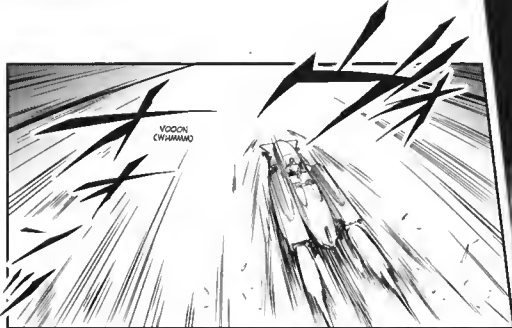
UH...



H-HEY,
HARU!?

Y-YOU
SURE YOU
SHOULD BE
GOING THIS
FAST!?

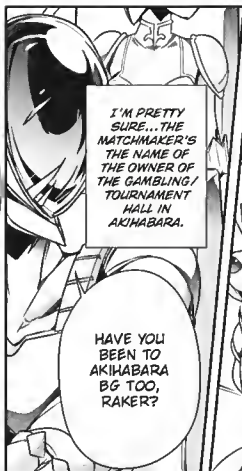
TRUST
ME!!

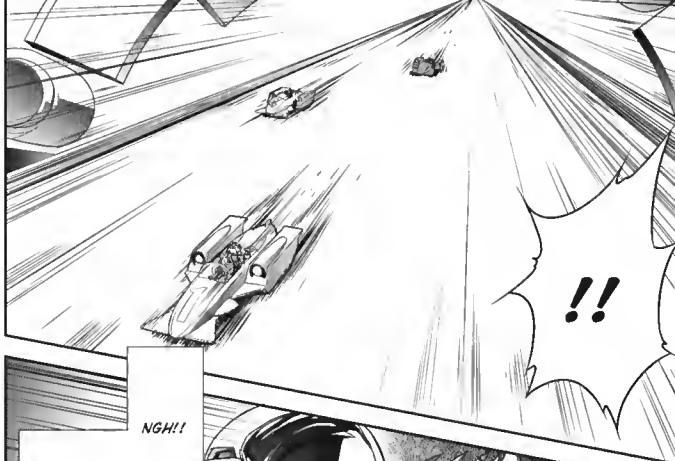




THE GROUP IN FRONT IS THE BLACK, RED, BLUE, GREEN, AND YELLOW SHUTTLES, WITH THE FOUR MID-SIZE LEGION SHUTTLES A LITTLE BEHIND THEM.

AND THAT RUSTED SHUTTLE DIDN'T END UP TAKING OFF...





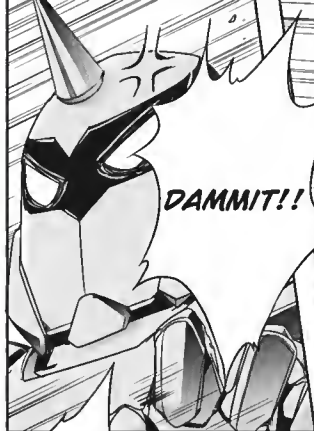
!!

NGH!!

THE PROMI
AND LEONIDS
CARS!!



JAKI
(KACHAKO)



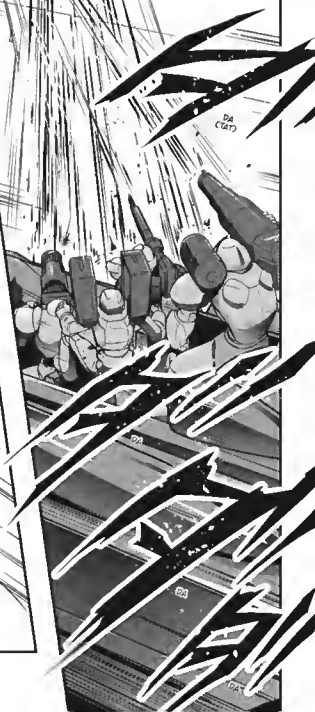
DAMMIT!!



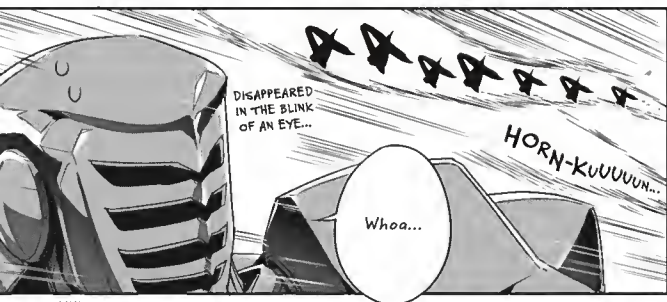
**TORIIII!!
HIT THAT
MACHINE!!**



**OKAY,
HORN-
KUUUUUN!!**







GAH!

GA
(BANG)

DANGER

BEEP
(BEEP)

CRAP!

WE CAN'T
TAKE MUCH
MORE OF
THIS...!!



JUST LIKE
LEOPARD, FROM
THE SELECTION OF
HER TEAMMATES
TO HER HANDLING
OF THE MACHINE.

I SEE.

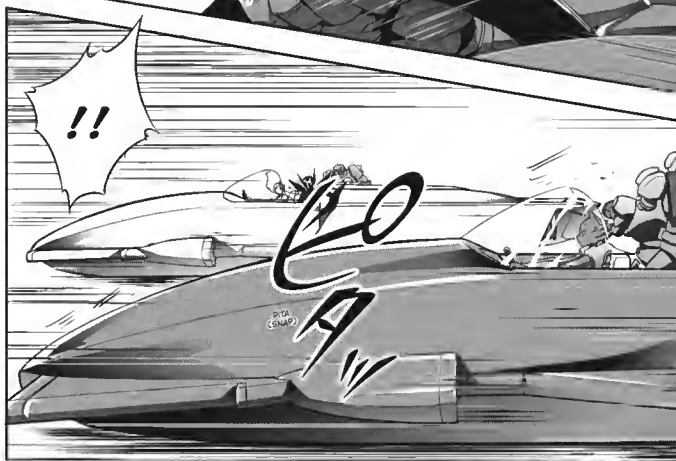
IF YOU FALL
FROM THE
SHUTTLE,
THAT'S THE
END OF THE
LINE, THEN.



...AFTER
US NEXT!

THEY'LL
BE...

THIS
ISN'T REALLY
THE TIME FOR
ADMIRATION,
NEESAN!





WE CAN'T
ESCAPE—

IT'S NO
USE!!



!!

BA
(LEAD)





AH,
COME
ON!

JUST
'COS WE
DON'T HAVE
ANY REDS ON
OUR TEAM,
THEY JUST
SHOOT US UP
ALL THEY
WANT!



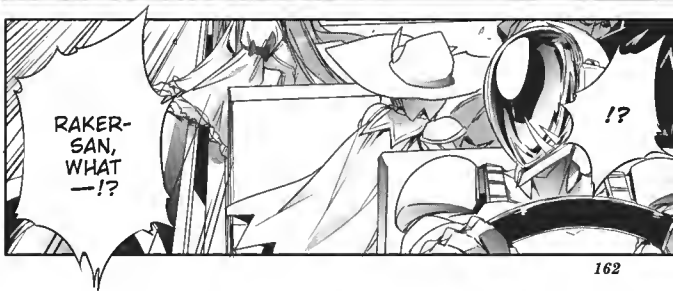
...BUT
THINGS
ARE ONLY
GOING
TO GET
WORSE.


ONLY A LITTLE
DAMAGE TO
THE SHUTTLE
THANKS
TO SENPAI
AND TAKU'S
DEFENSE...

...I
CAN ONLY
BET ON A
DOGFIGHT—
MACHINE
AGAINST
MACHINE!!

...BUT...


IT DOESN'T
LOOK LIKE
I CAN BEAT
PARD-SAN
AT DRIVING
TECHNIQUES...





...YOU
SHOULD BE
ABLE TO
SHAKE THEM
OFF WITH
SPEED!

IF I GET
OUT OF THE
SHUTTLE AND
YOUR WEIGHT
DECREASES...



THIS IS SIMPLE
ADDITION AND
SUBTRACTION.

THE PROMI TEAM
HAS FIVE PEOPLE
AND FOUR BIG
GUNS.



GETTING
OUT
HERE
IS MY
"EVERY-
THING."

IF I DON'T,
YOU WON'T
BE ABLE TO
RESPOND TO
LEOPARD!



...THAT
I WOULD
PARTICIPATE
AND PUT
EVERYTHING
INTO
GETTING
THE TOP
SPOT!!

I
THOUGHT
I TOLD
YOU...

Y-YOU
CAN'T
DO THAT,
NEESAN!



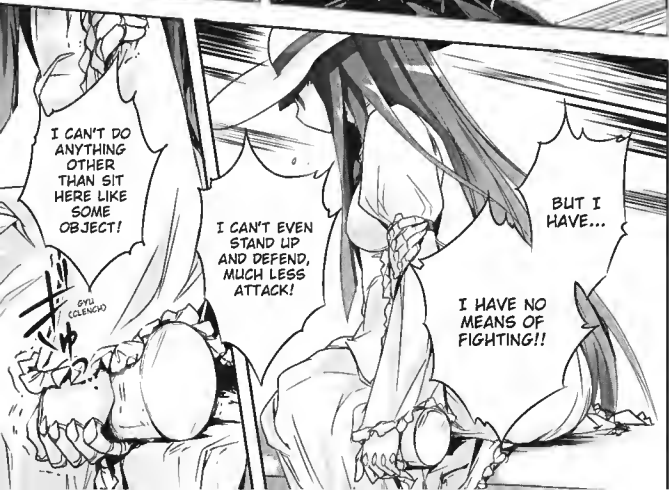


**BUT
—!!**

**ALL FIVE
OF US
FIGHT—
ALL FIVE
OF US
WIN!!**

**WE
ARE A
TEAM!**

**CROW'S
EXACTLY
RIGHT,
RAKER!**



**I CAN'T DO
ANYTHING
OTHER
THAN SIT
HERE LIKE
SOME
OBJECT!**

**I CAN'T EVEN
STAND UP
AND DEFEND,
MUCH LESS
ATTACK!**

**BUT I
HAVE...**

**I HAVE NO
MEANS OF
FIGHTING!!**

**BYU
COLENGO**

**YOU
CAN
TOO!**

AH!

WINGS...!!

**YOU
HAVE...**

**...THE
WINGS YOU
PRODUCED,
THE WINGS
YOU MADE
STRONG!!**

BUT
...

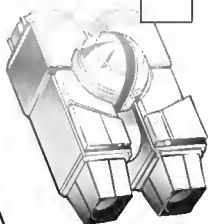
...IS PACKED
WITH MY
LONGING FOR
THE SKY...

...AND
BECAUSE OF
THAT, I HURT
SA-CHAN...

...
WHICH
IS
WHY...

...I CAN
NEVER
AGAIN—

...
THAT
...



THAT'S
NOT
TRUE!

RAKER!!

AH!



**NOT
FOR ME
AND NOT
FOR THE
LEGION...**

**THE
TIME TO
FLY IS
NOW!**



**FLY INTO
THAT SKY,
RAKER!**

**FOR
YOU...!!**



**NOW
I'M
SURE...**

**...TO BE
AFRAID.**



**SO THERE
WAS NO
NEED FOR
ME...**

...I
CAN
FLY!!

**CALLING
GALE!!**

BA
(LEAD)

GO
(ARR)

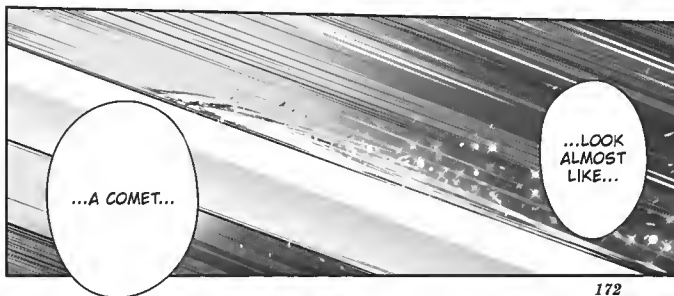
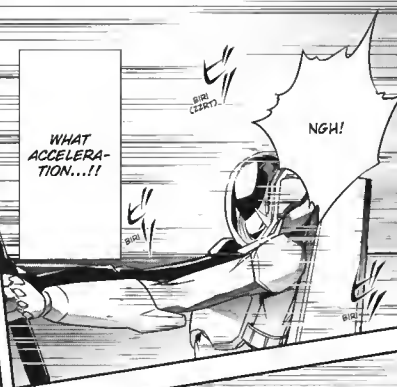


FIRE!!

CROW!!

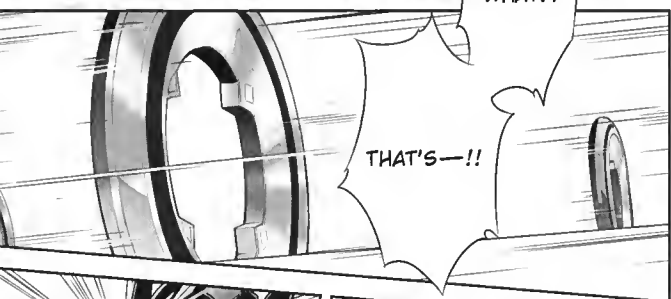
**BOOST!
THREE,
TWO,
ONE—**

**STABILIZE
THE SHIP
DEAD
AHEAD!**





WHAT!?



THAT'S—!!



B-
BUT....!!

HUH!?

NO!
CHARGE ON
LIKE THIS,
CROW!!

RAKER-
SAN, GET
BACK
IN YOUR
SEAT!

E-
EVASIVE
ACTION!



**U-UNDER-
STOOD!!**

**IT'S FINE!
JUST GO!!**



**EVERY-
ONE!**

**HOLD ON
TIGHT!!**

▶▶▶ **ACCEL • WORLD**

TO BE CONTINUED IN THE NEXT STAGE...!!

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THE REAL-WORLD
VERSION OF
THE COVER

AFTERWORD

Thank you so much for picking up Volume 7 of the comics version of *Accel World*!

This volume picks up where the last one left off in Volume 5 of the original series: *The Floating Starlight Bridge*.

The prologue at the beginning of the book was not part of the serialization in *Dengeki Bunko Magazine*; it's completely new for this volume. I'm sure people who have read the original series already are thinking, "Wait. I don't remember a scene like this in the original."

Since I did a digest version in the comic of Volumes 3 and 4, I wanted to touch on the connection between *Rust Jigsaw* and the *Acceleration Research Society* once more, so I portrayed this scene as a prologue.

The author of the original series, Reki Kawahara-sensei, and his editor at *Dengeki Bunko* were kind enough to take time from their busy schedules to discuss the addition of this scene with me. Thank you so much!

Now then, this volume should be hitting the bookstores right around the time of the premiere of the new anime, *Accel World: Infinite Burst*, and the movie's theater run! I'm super excited about getting to see Haruyuki-kun and the others on the big screen!

I'd be delighted if we met again in the next volume. This has been Hiroyuki Aigamo!

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